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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

FOLK LYRICS SUPPORT WOMEN'S HISTORY AND AWARENESS MONTH

CHARLESTON -- Folksinger Kristin Lem, whose lyrics tell the story of the struggle for women's rights, will perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, in Eastern Illinois University's Martin Luther King Jr. University Union's Rathskeller.

Admission to the performance, being sponsored as part of Eastern's Women's History and Awareness Month celebration, is free.

Lem's unique blend of humor and insight has delighted audiences for nearly 20 years. She has produced seven full-length albums with all original songs. Chicago's Reader Top Ten Folk/Country list includes a Lem song called "Born A Woman," written in 1986. She has also written two musicals -- one for Champaign-Urbana's Krannert Center and the other for the Celebration Company.

Her songs and messages are heard through conferences, at preschools, schools and libraries, labor unions, tributes and rites of passage, as well as at a range of benefit fundraisers.

Recent awards presented to Lem for service to women and children include the Humanist Heroine Award of the American Humanist Association in 1994 and, in 1996, the Freethought Heroine Award of the Freedom from Religion Foundation.